Customer NO. 01933

Attorney Docket No. <u>06290/LH</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiko SHIROZA

Serial No. : 10/576,673

Confirm. No. : 4114

Filed: January 8, 2007

For : WORKING CARRYING DEVICE OF

PRESSING MACHINE

Art Unit : 4135

Examiner : STEPHANIE M. JENNINGS

<u>RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2009, the term for response to which expires on February 9, 2009.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species I, Figs. 1-15, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species I are claims 1-5 and 15-16.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on February 3, 2009

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which payment has not been submitted, or to credit any overpayments, to Account No. 06-1378.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Holtz Reg. No. 33,902

Frishauf, Holtz, Goodman & Chick, P.C. 220 Fifth Avenue - 16th Floor New York, New York 10001-7708 Tel. No. (212) 319-4900 Fax No. (212) 319-5101 LH:nps